PRICE OUTLOOK CITED FOR JANUARY VEGETABLES

Housewives are paying more for cabbage these days, and VPI economists say the new crop may average $1.50 for U. S. No. 1 packed in 50 pound bags through January.

In their monthly run-down on what vegetable prices to expect, the economists also foresee in January:

Adequate supplies of collards, with Virginia U. S. No. 1 averaging 65 to 75c a bushel.

Stripped kale for consumer packaging is in good demand. Field cut U. S. No. 1 should average 75c a bushel.

There are fewer onion supplies than this time last year, and U. S. No. 1 in 50 pound sacks are expected to range from $1.75 to $2.25 depending on size.

U. S. No. 1 grade late potatoes should average around $3 a hundred. The outlook for early potatoes is for profitable prices to growers for sales before June, 1955.

Demand for rutabagas continues good, with a $1.00 to $1.25 per 50 pound mesh bag likely.

Spinach supplies are heavy, and depending on quality, prices likely will be $1.00 to $1.25.

Demand is good for quality Porto Rico sweet potatoes. Prices from $2.50 to $3.50 per bushel U. S. No. 1 are expected.

Topped turnips should average $1.00 to $1.25 per bushel.

USDA DEVELOPS AN IMPROVED APPLESAUCE

A process developed by U. S. Department of Agriculture scientists has made possible a new, improved applesauce, VPI horticutlurists report.

An essence made from byproduct peels and cores and added to the sauce produces a tangy, flesh flavor that last through months of storage.

Commercial production of this improved applesauce is expected after a satisfactory method is found for adding the essence in processing. The product will be slightly higher priced than ordinary applesauce.

To Relieve Misery of COLDS take 666
LIQUID OR TABLETS — SAME FAST RELIEF

WRESTLING IN LYNCHBURG

George Becker, making his first Lynchburg appearance since the tragic death of his brother broke up the Southern tag champion wrestling team, goes against a foe who holds a decision over him just about two months old—Frank Jares.

But that last Jares-Becker match gave Lynchburg fans something they are still talking about. Jares left the ring with a badly gashed head—he was butted into the ring posts by Becker, something that brought on George's disqualification, and then fans, wrestlers, officials and police all mixed it up briefly when a spectator tried to tangle with George in the ring.

Tonight's meeting is part of a double main event feature arranged by matchmaker Babe Sharkey. Jares and Becker will battle to a best of three falls verdict over a 60-minute time limit.

Cofeatured with this match is one involving John and Al Smith, recent holders of the title that was held by the Smiths and strong contenders to retain it. They'll go against a team composed of Tex Riley and Larry Hamilton. Riley has appeared in Lynchburg before and is regarded as a "crowd pleaser." The same goes for Hamilton whom was very successful in his debut last week. But they'll have their hands full. The wily Smiths always appear to have a trick up their sleeves when the going gets tough.

In the opening match, Al Kashey, who made his debut in Lynchburg as a feature performer last week, losing a hotly challenged verdict to the aforementioned Jares, goes against Tom Bradley, a toughie who has not commanded too much respect from Lynchburg crowds in the past. They'll battle in a single fall event with a 30-minute limit.

Action on the card starts at 8:30 p. m.

TOBACCO CONFERENCE IN RICHMOND

A three-day Tobacco Workers' Conference will end today in Richmond. Professional agricultural workers and trade specialists from the Southeastern tobacco belt attended to consider problems of the industry.

Almost every aspect of tobacco from its cultivation in the soil to its sale on the warehouse floor, and export to foreign countries was considered during the conference.

Concord Rt. 2

Concord R. F. D. 2—Really looked like Christmas Tuesday morning. The snow was beautiful and helpful. Hope the wells will soon be filled with water.

Rev. W. M. Black preached at Hebron Baptist Church last Sunday, also the Sunday before. Very inspiring sermons. He was accompanied by Mr. Francis Irvin, of Pamplin, last Sunday.

Miss Kate Davidson, Mrs. C. M. Stratton and Mrs. Clayton T. Drinkard attended a home demonstration club class on refinishing furniture at Appomattox last Friday, given by Mrs. B. G. Anderson, home agent, of Appomattox, and Miss Ruth Jamison, House Furnishings Specialist, of Blacksburg.

Misses Harriett Eastman and Bertha Wheeler, of Richmond were week-end guests of Miss Wheeler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler.

Misses Eastman and Wheeler had as their Saturday night dinner guests Harold Jones and E. W. Marshall, of Spout Spring.

Mrs. Elsie Thornhill was called to Waynesboro Sunday to be with her daughter, Mrs. Elsie Wiedman and infant daughter for a visit.

Happy to report Mrs. S. E. Anderson is doing fine and hopes to be home in a few days.

Little Sue Maxey and Master Mac Maxey, of Richmond are spending some time with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Stratton. Mrs. Maxey, of Rustburg, visited the children Saturday. Mrs. Harold Stratton was a guest in the Stratton home Sunday.

COLD NUTS STAY FRESH

Nuts stored in a tight container in a cool place keep their crisp fresh flavor longer than those stored in a warm place.

VPI nutritionists say small supplies of nuts keep better in a refrigerator than on a warm shelf in the kitchen. Nuts keep well for a year in tight containers in a home freezer.

Covered containers keep nuts from absorbing off-flavors and moisture. Moisture makes them tough, limp, and even moldy.

Ordinance Requiring Confinement Of Dogs In The Western Part Of Appomattox County

Whereas it has come to the attention of the Board of Supervisors of Appomattox County that a dog has died of proven rabies in the Concord area near the Appomattox County line; and

Whereas the Health Officer of Appomattox County has recommended to the Board of Supervisors that a quarantine area be established in the Concord-Stonewall-Spout Spring area of Appomattox County, as a preventive measure against the further spread of rabies;

Therefore, be it resolved pursuant to authority Title 29-195 Code of Viginia, that the area within the boundries, as herein set forth, beginning at the James River at the Appomattox-Campbell County line; thence in a straight line East to the intersection of Secondary Road No's 613 and 611, thence in a straight line East to the intersection of Secondary Roads 613 and 608; thence South along Rt. 613 to its intersection with Route 647; thence South along Rt. 647 to its intersection with U. S. Highway 460, thence South on Rt. 647, through Spout Spring, to its intersection with Rt. 679, thence South West on Rt. 679 to its intersection with Rt. 606, thence Northwest on Rt. 606 to the Appomattox-Campbell County line, be declared a quarantine area for dogs, and do hereby require that all dogs shall be confined to the premises of their owners or keepers, and not be allowed to run at large for a period of 45 days, beginning Thursday, January 13, 1955, and ending Saturday, February 26, 1955.

All dogs found running at large in violation of this ordiance shall be impounded for a period of seven days and if not claimed will be destroyed and their owners or keepers shall be subject to a fine of not less than five ($5.00) nor more than fifty ($50.00) dollars.

Dogs on a leash in the custody of owner or keeper will be permitted beyond the confines of the premises.

An emergency existing this ordiance shall be in force from its passage.

F. L. MURPHY, ***Chairman***

C. W. SMITH, ***Clerk.***

January 12, 1955

Cows Decline While Humans Are On Increase

Is the United States heading toward a future shortage of dairy products, because of declining dairy cow population, and the increasing problem of breeding failures?

The infertility problem in dairy cattle is a serious menace to the nation's food supplies. The total number of cows in the U.S. now is 12 per cent lower than in 1944 while our human population has increased 19 per cent. Further, infertility problems of dairy animals seem to be increasing and at the same time, today's emphasis in cattle raising seems to be veering more toward beef, thus curtailing dairy production.

A Cornell university survey showed cattle infertility in New York alone caused an annual $20,000,000 loss These breeding failures result in lowered milk production, fewer replacements, for the 24,000,000 dairy cattle now left in the nation.

Infertility is merely a symptom of disease, or of functional disorder or heredity factors. Diseases chiefly responsible for breeding failures include brucellosis, trichomoniasis, and vibriosis. Faulty nutrition may also be a factor.

A program of having dairy animals given a health checkup at regular intervals is the number one need in halting the present downward trend in reproduction.

Watch Burning Leaves; Fires Can Run Wild

The acrid smoke of burning leaves is a pleasant part of the fall scene, but the fragrance loses its charm if it is mingled with the smell of a burning building. No one ever plans to burn his house down when he starts a leaf or brush fire. Yet each year thousands of such fires get out of control, and damage runs into astounding figures. Most towns and cities have regulations about brush fires, so before you ignite that pile of leaves check with the fire department. Burn leaves in small piles, a few at a time. Have the garden hose handy, attached and ready to use. If you have no hose, keep a bucket of water near by. If you use a broom to sweep up burning scraps, soak it in water. Don't leave smoldering piles of ashes in the gutters. A motorist, unaware of the danger, may park his car on the spot, and the results may be disastrous. Watch the youngster! More than one-fourth of the children between the ages of one and four years who lose their lives in accidents die of burns. Constant vigilance is most important of all.

Get Out and Get Under

Many modern motorists have never changed a tire. Some have never even raised the hoods on their automobiles. It isn't necessary. The service station attendant does it. It was not always thus. In the early days of the automobile it was necessary for the driver to be able not only to change a tire but to take it from the rim and patch the tube. then pump up the tire and put it back Wearing his duster, he spent hours under the hood. He had to know how to clean and change spark plugs and ignition points, how to blow out his gas lines, and how to make innumerable other repairs with baling wire and other such makeshift materials. Among the early devices to prove the reliability of the automobile, and to test improvements, were the Glidden Tours, sponsored by Charles J. Glidden, Boston industrialist and onetime associate of Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone.

No Law

There is no law that prohibits the candidates for president and vice-president on the same ticket from being residents of the same state but the 12th amendment to the Constitution states that the electors shall vote "for president and vice-president, one of whom, at least, shall not be an inhabitant of the same state with themselves . . ." Politically it would not be sensible to nominate candidates from the same state, for electors from that state could vote for only one if their party carried the state. In a close election, it is thus possible that either the candidate for president or vice-president would not be elected to office, even though electors from all other states could vote for both.

New Melting Pot

There are those who believe that the United States has been replaced as the melting pot of the world's people. Brazil's rapidly expanding economy is attracting large numbers of immigrants annually. Large segments of 20 nationalities are merging to form the new "Brazilian." Europeans, particularly Italians, are leading the new 20th century pioneer movement, which is taking advantage of the government's liberal colonization program

Go-Getters

In Leeds, England, to steal a ton of cigarettes and 300 lighters valued at $18,200, thieves punched through a thick wall of a warehouse, tunneled four feet, lifted a 200-pound stone slab, forced two doors and finally broke through a plaster wall

QUALITY CHICKS ARE BEST BUY

Selection of the type and breed of chicken to raise is the first and perhaps the most important decision a poultryman must make.

His choice may have a direct influence on such important factors as rate of gain, feed consumption, egg production and flock health. It can make the difference between profit and loss or between a good profit and only a fair profit.

There are three general types of poultry—egg class, meat class and dual-purpose class which is a combination of the first two. A poultryman should study the market and learn what is desired in each class before making his decision. He should take into consideration the climate and the facilities he has available for his poultry project.

Buy Good Stock

No matter what type of chicken has been chosen, you should buy good stock. Start with chicks that have a strong ancestry, chicks that have a breeding background of quality.

Low-cost chicks of doubtful breeding are poor investments. Inferior chicks will produce less meat or fewer eggs yet eat the same amount of feed. Such chicks are often more susceptible to disease.

Even good management sometimes cannot save profits lost through an investment in cheap chicks. If necessary, buy fewer chicks but insist on well-bred stock.

Better Chicks

Good breeding will stand out in any competition. Good chicks mature faster, grow better and have higher livability than poor quality chicks. This means more meat and egg profits with a minimum of feed costs and, therefore, more return on your dollars invested.

Your hatcheryman will be glad to discuss chick selection with you. Get his experienced opinion on the kind of chick best suited to your operation.

Quality chicks coupled with good management marks the successful poultryman. Good chicks mean an opportunity for more poultry profits.

Subscription rate: $2.00 a year payable in advance.

Charter No. 11205 Reserve District

Report of Condition of The Farmer's National Bank of Appomattox

in the State of Virginia, at the close of business on Dec. 31, published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Curren[cy] der Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.

ASSETS

1.	Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	384,3
2.	United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	825,0
3.	Obligations of States and political subdivisions	30,0
4.	Other bonds, notes and debentures	2,9
5.	Corporate stocks (including $3,000 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	3,0
6.	Loans and discounts (including $26.18 overdrafts)	957,2
7.	Bank premises owned $16,109.13, furniture and fixtures $6,663.09	22,7
11.	Other assets	5,3
12.	TOTAL ASSETS	2,230,4

LIABILITIES

13.	Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	631,3
14.	Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	1,304,3
15.	Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	24,
16.	Deposits of States and political subdivisions	86,
17.	Deposits of banks	15,
18.	Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	4,
19.	TOTAL DEPOSITS $2,066,421.10	
24.	TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,066,

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

25.	Capital Stock: (c) Common stock, total par $50,000	50,
26.	Surplus	70,
27.	Undivided profits	27,
28.	Reserves (and retirement account for preferred stock)	17,
29.	TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	164,
30.	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	2,230,

MEMORANDA

31.	Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes	131,

I, T. DeWitt Evans, cashier of the above-named bank, do so[lemnly] swear that the above statement is true to the best of my kno[wledge] and belief.
T. DeWitt Evans, Cashier.

State of Virginia, County of Appomattox, ss:
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10 day of Jan. 1955, and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank.
B. C. Harvey, Notary Public.
My commission expires 5-16-56.

Correct—Attest:
C. S. Jenkins
A. R. Harwood, Jr.
L. J. Morris, Directo[rs]

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Darkleaf

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see his picture in trade paper[s] ing written up for his fabulou[s] tory over handicaps. A man is down for good until he gives

Last week, the lead editor[ial] Al's paper, the largest weekl[y] Virginia and one of the top in its class, was entitled: "The ing of A Friend." The edi[torial] spoke of his dauntless spirit, said that although "Handicap handicap overcame him, he mounted all of them with patie[nce] The editorial added, "Crippled youth with infantile paralysis, with one arm and one hand, h[e] came a master of the Linotype chine." We could add, "He be[came] a Master of Life."

So there you are. March of D[imes] month! We put Al right up with FDR, as an example that can be conquered. And we p[ut it] to you, is it not worthwhile to in the fight on polio? The poli[o vic]tim who puts up the gallant the employer who gives a han[dicap]ped person a chance; the c[itizen] who gives to a fund to aid res[earch] and to furnish iron lungs, an[d] carry on the overall program these are in a partnership: a nership offering the richest dends we know.

Warm Weather and Waterf[owl]

For the third successive se[ason] Virginia has experienced unu[sual] mild weather during the wate[rfowl] season. The result has been th[at] though the duck and geese lation was reported by the fe[deral] authorities in excess of the pre[vious] year, fewer birds have been by hunters during the last se[veral] years.

The mild spring-like weather ing recent days has kept these birds out of the air to a very extent. It is well known to hu[nters] that rough, sleety, snowy we[ather] and hard freezes to the north the best waterfowl hunting, a[ccord]ing to C. F. Phelps, chief o[f the] Game Division of the Commiss[ion of] Game and Inland Fisheries.

Richmond Spiders win close tory in basketball over V. P. I.

Appomattox is a growing to[wn]

A Growing Newspaper In A Growing Town

TIMES-VIRGINIAN

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Father Darkleaf

By c. h. r.

There is a unique March of Dimes [dis]play in the lobby of the Bank of [Ap]pomattox. Large cardboards spell the words March of Dimes, and [in] the letters are worked slots to [ins]ert dimes. When last we saw it [the] device was nearly full of dimes

In a reading a book recently — [I] was on a favorite subject: history [and] found in the appendix a table [show]ing estimated killed and wounded—excluding prisoners, at major [bat]tles, up to World War I. And I [fou]nd myself making notes. And so whatever it is worth, it would [app]ear that the French invasion of [Ru]ssia by Napoleon, and our own [Civi]l War were tops in blood-letting. At Blenheim in 1704, there [were] been 31,000 killed and wounded. In 1709, at Malplaquet, the figure was 34,000. But at Eylau, in [180]7, the French losses were 22,000 [and] the Russian 20,000, for a big [bloo]d bath of 42,000. And in 1809, [at As]pern, the losses went to 45,000, and at Wagram, also in 1809, [the] total was 44,000. These two [batt]les involved France and Austria [and] took 90,000 men. But when French and Russians fought at [Bor]odino in 1812, the total loss was [80,0]00, perhaps tops for one battle [had] it not been for the battle of [Le]ipsic in 1813, when the French [lost] 50,000 and the Allies against [Nap]oleon lost 42,000, for a fantastic total of 92,000. At Waterloo in [181]5, the losses were 42,000. Then [co]me to the Civil War in America. At Bull Run in 1861, the losses [were] 3,553; at Shiloh they were [24,0]00; at Seven Pines, 11,165; at [Seco]nd Manassas, 22,000; at Sharpsburg, 21,910; at Chickamaugua, [33,0]00, and at Chancellorsville, [30,0]00. The losses at Gettysburg [were] 37,000; The Wilderness, 26,-; Spotsylvania C. H., 25,000; [Cold] Harbor, 11,700, and so on. The [war] of 1870 between France and [Ger]many saw losses of up to 32,000 [in s]ingle battles. It would seem a conclusion that the cream of [Fren]ch manhood was sacrificed during the Napoleonic era, and some [of o]ur states have never recovered [from] the blood letting in 1861-65. [Rea]ding these figures, I could only [thi]nk that places like Appomattox that [stoo]d for honorable peace are more [imp]ortant than the blood-bowls.

[M]r. A. T. Anderson, of Route 1 [Pam]plin, was a pleasant visitor in [our] office Saturday morning. Mr. [And]erson observed his 79th birthday on January 8. Congratulations! [He] says he attributes his long life [and] health, in part at least, to his [eating] habits: dried fruits, cornbread and molasses. I am sure that active out-door life has helped too. He has a fine farm, and it [has] some good timber on it, too. [I] gather that one could learn a [lot] if one had the privilege of [spend]ing several hours with this fine [App]omattox citizen.

[T]his month marks the 15th anniversary of C. S. Jenkins. Mr. Jenkins came from Crewe in January 1940, to take over the former [S.] E. Smith store.

[T]o lose a game of checkers may [not] be classed as a disaster, but [at] Sanitary Barber Shop where fellows keep a game going a [good] portion of the time, it is considered a terrible thing to lose a [game] without even getting to the "g" row. That is "skinning" an opponent. Lewis Dickerson and Jack [Gi]lette are two arch rivals in playing checkers, and they are good [play]ers, too, we hear. And so we are informed that Monday they managed to defeat Mr. Dickerson, [wit]hout a king." However, we are [sure] he will return and win his [share] of games.

[R]emember: during a heavy snow [f]eed the birds!

[T]he triple combination of snow, [Rob]ert E. Lee's birthday and mid-[term] examinations were more than [eno]ugh to close schools. Doubtless [man]y a pupil felt that any one of three would be enough.

[A l]awyer was counseling one of his [clie]nts about his matrimonial [trou]bles. Said the lawyer, "I'm sorry that discord has set in; but you [mus]t remember that you took your [wif]e for better or worse."
"[Y]es, sir," replied the dejected [husba]nd. "I know, but she's worse [than] I took her for." -McCall Spirit.

No Spotless Highway Record Here in 1955

Call Public Meeting To Discuss Compulsory Vaccination; Town Orders Dogs To Be Confined

On Monday night, January 24, at 7:30, a public meeting will be held at Appomattox High School, to discuss the possibility of a compulsory dog vaccination ordinance in Appomattox County.

The meeting is being called by the Appomattox County Health Department and the County Board of Supervisors.

The outbreak of several cases of rabies in adjoining areas has led to a suggested compulsory dog vaccination program here. Currently, all dogs in the Spout Spring to Concord area are under quarantine for 45 days.

At Monday night's meeting, a movie on rabies control will be shown. After this Dr. H. E. Jenkins, County Health Director, and others will discuss the menace of rabies, and there will be an open forum on the subject.

All dogs in the Town of Appomattox are ordered confined to the premises of the owner, or kept on leash, as of Monday, January 24.

This order was issued by the Town at a meeting of the Council Monday night, due to the presence of rabies in adjoining areas.

According to Town Manager C. J. Hunter, the confinement order will apply for 45 days.

Latest reports are that many dog owners are rushing to have their animals vaccinated. Veterinarians have been kept busy since the start of the current rabies scare.

Tax Advisor Here Monday

J. H. O'Brien, Commissioner of the Revenue for Appomattox County, has announced that a representative from the office of Collector of Internal Revenue in Lynchburg will be in Mr. O'Brien's office here on Monday, January 24. The purpose of this visit will be to assist and advise farmers and others in the preparation and filing of income tax returns. It is urged that all who desire such assistance avail themselves of this opportunity.

Mr. Leo Wooldridge is in charge of the Lynchburg office.

MR. WILLIAM D. ROBERTSON

Mr. William David Robertson, 70, died early on the morning of Jan. 14 at his home in Salisbury, Maryland, after a brief illness.

Born in Appomattox County, he was the son of the late John H. and Frances Moore Robertson. His first wife, Mrs. Annie Jones Robertson, died here a number of years ago. He is survived by nine children by his first marriage: seven daughters, Mrs. George R. Kauffman, of Colorado Springs, Col.; Mrs. B. F. Moomaw, Jr., of Kings Mountain National Park, S. C.; Mrs. William M. Thompson Jr., of Portsmouth Mrs. Ryland Hunter and Mrs. H. W. Knight, both of Crewe; Mrs. J. Garland Plunkett and Miss Margaret Robertson, both of Appomattox; two sons, Frank H. Robertson, of Greensboro, N. C., and W. Roy Robertson, of Appomattox; and by five sisters, Mrs. R. W. Nowlin, of Greensboro, N. C.; Mrs. H. W. Brinkley, of Petersburg; Mrs. Arthur Williamson, Colonial Heights; Mrs. R. L. Schools, of Portsmouth; Mrs. Tyler F. Akers, West Point, Miss; and three brothers, C. G. Robertson, Kingwood, W. Va.; John P. Robertson and Arthur Robertson, both of Detroit, Mich. He is also survived by his widow, Mrs. Alice Justis Robertson, of Salisbury, Md.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2:00 P. M. in Salisbury, with burial there.

First Reports On Drive For Polio Funds

Reports are beginning to come in of considerable activity in the March of Dimes drive in Appomattox County. Always one of the top community efforts of the year, the drive this year is being headed by Fred Smith and "Boots" LeGrand, with Frank Wooldridge as the drive treasurer.

The Evergreen school turned in $21.80 this week. Pupils filled cards with dimes, and featuring the drive was the report of Barbara Staples with six filled cards and David Hamilton with 3.

The Vera school collected $24.00.

At the Appomattox elementary school, the following room reports were in: Miss Myrtle Smith, $17.00; and Mrs. Lou Rogers, $9.40.

W. S. Taylor, of Appomattox mailed out March of Dimes folders to local RFD routes and to Gladstone, Concord and Pamplin. Thus far he reports $22.00 in contributions, and expects more.

AHS Defeats Buckingham

Appomattox High School boys defeated Buckingham High School in a boys' basketball game here Tuesday night. Score was 36 to 32 with Bradley Babcock topping the Blue Hornet scorers with 10 points. "Boots" Carter contributed 8 points and Jerry George 8, in the close tilt.

In a preliminary game, the Appomattox girls' team lost to Buckingham girls, 59 to 37.

Appomattox boys now have a 5 to 2 win record for the season.

The next game finds New London here Friday night. This is a league game.

Large crowds have been attending basketball games here this season in the new gymnasium. Several occasions have found the standing room only sign hoisted.

TRINITY CHURCH GROUPS

The Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild of Trinity Church met at the church on Thursday night for a joint meeting. The two groups assembled apart for the business session. The W. S. C. S. had charge of the program, with each officer that was present taking part in presenting the theme, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations." Two appropriate hymns were used, "Jesus Calls Us" and "We've A Story to Tell to the Nations." Mrs. Melvin Drinkard and Mrs. Kenneth Coleman offered the prayers. Mrs. R. B. Martin conducted the service.

The groups were invited to the church basement by the W. S. G. for refreshments of ice cream, cake candy and nuts, using pink and white for the color scheme.

Church Union Is Voted Down

There will be no union of the Northern, Southern and United Presbyterian Churches, for the time being, at least. The margin against the proposed union was cast Tuesday by West Hanover Presbytery, of which Presbyterian churches in this area are a part. Delegates from the 37 churches of West Hanover Presbytery met Tuesday in Farmville, and balloted 35 to 18 against union.

Under church rules, it would have been necessary for three-fourths of Southern Presbyteries to approve the merger. Thus 22 negative votes from the South's 86 Presbyteries would defeat the measure. Tuesday West Hanover became the 22nd Presbytern to defeat the plan for union. Many Presbyteries have yet to vote on the proposal, but those already in the record as against are sufficient to defeat the plan.

OAKVILLE P.-T. A.

The Oakville P.-T. A. will meet tonight (Jan. 20) at 7:30 o'clock. The subject of the program will be "Learning Good Citizenship." Attention will be focused on the importance of the home, the church, the commmunity and the school in preparing the children of today for good citizenship tomorrow. Taking part will be Mrs. Aubrey Drinkard, Mr. Gordon Mason, Mrs. A. M. Johnston, Miss Elizabeth Haskins, and Mrs. O. W. Martin, Jr.

EVERGREEN 4-H CLUB

The Evergreen 4-H Club met on Jan. 11 at the Evergreen school. Rosie McIntosh gave the devotional. Mr. R. B. Hudgins introduced Mr. Wilkins, the new assistant county agent. The program chairman then presided. After a short story, Mr. Trice showed how to make simple electrical repairs. The president adjourned the meeting.

J. K. Marshall Elected To National Angus Association

J. K. Marshall, of Appomattox, has been elected to membership in the American Abendeen - Angus Breeders' Association at Chicago, announces Secretary Frank Richards.

Mr. Marshall was among the five purebred Alberdeen-Angus breeders from Virginia elected to membership during the past month.

Two Weeks Remaining To Market Tobacco

Announcement has been made that dark-fired tobacco markets will close for the current season Thursday, February 3. That leaves two weeks for growers to complete marketing their crop.

The market has been strong over the entire season, and has been especially active this week.

Lynchburg markets averaged $34.47 per hundredweight Tuesday with 167,522 pounds sold.

Last week, the Farmville market sold 519,176 pounds at an average of $35.46 per hundredweight.

At the end of last week, Farmville had sold a total of 2,780,374 pounds of dark tobacco, bringing the growers $966,046.41, for a season average of $34.75. As of the same period last year, the price average was $35.98.

Over the entire dark belt in Virginia, last week's sales amounted to 1,721,176 pounds and the average was $35.19. Season sales in the belt so far were 8,115,280 pounds with an average of $34.81.

The season's poundage is ahead of last year.

Price To Be P.-T.A. Speaker

The Appomattox P.-T. A. will meet January 25, in the High School cafeteria. The guest speaker will be Robert C. Price, of Roanoke, representing the Virginia Society for Crippled Children. He will speak on the problems of physically handicapped children. The public, as well as P.-T. A. members is requested to attend this meeting.

U. D. C. TO HAVE JACKSON PROGRAM AT DINNER MEETING

Appomattox Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will have a dinner meeting tonight at Hotel Appomattox. A number of guests have been invited.

Mrs. K. E. Coleman, the Chapter Historian, will present a program on "Stonewall" Jackson, whose birthday occurs Jan. 21. Calvin H. Robinson, editor of the Times-Virginian, will be the guest speaker

Whatever chance Appomattox County had of going through 1955 without a highway fatality, went glimmering about midnight Saturday. It was undoubtedly one of the worst car wrecks in the history of the county, two youn men met instant death and two others remain in critical condition, following the crashing of a speeding car over an embankment and into a tree about four miles this side of Bent Creek on Route 26.

The dead:

Cecil Howell Stephens, 20, of Route 2, Gladstone, and

Raymond Edward Jamerson, 29, also of Route 2, Gladstone.

At latest reports, two other occupants of the death car were still unconscious and in a very critical condition at a Lynchburg hospital. They are:

Carl Bryant, 19, and

Calvin Phelps, 28, both of Route 2, Gladstone.

It is understood that Bryant and Phelps have fractures of the skull and leg.

The death car plunged over the left side of Route 26, down an embankment and literally wrapped itself around a tree. The car jackknifed, badly mangling the victims.

After the car was prized from the tree, and brought to Appomattox Sunday morning, large crowds gathered all during the day to view the wreckage. Other crowds drove to the wreck site on Route 26.

State Police who investigated the crash, declared that high speed was the obvious cause of the wreck.

These deaths started Appomattox County off into 1955 with no chance of bettering its 1954 highway death toll. Last vear there was only one highway death in the county, and that. too, occurred in January. In 1953, the county also had only one highway death.

TWO NEW SOUVENIR CARDS AVAILABLE

Two new souvenir postal cards are now available at the museum at Old Appomattox Court House. One is a reproduction in color of the famous L. M. D. Guillaume painting of the Surrender of Gen. Lee to Gen. Grant, April 9, 1865. The other, also in color, shows an 1865 view of the Old Court House village.

GARDEN CLUB TO MEET HERE MONDAY NIGHT

The Appomattox Garden Club will meet January 24th in the High School cafeteria. Mrs. W. W. Burke and Mrs. L. A. Young will give a demonstration on corsage making. Any member who wishes to bring her own flowers, may participate in this demonstration.

Local Jeweler In Business For 61 Years

L. M. Wilkes is entitled to a salute as one of the business veterans of Appomattox County. On January 2, 1955, he observed his 75th birthday. But he has been in business in the county as watch and clock repairman and later as jeweler, for all of 61 years. It is an interesting story, and worth the telling.

It all started in 1894, when Wilkes was a lad of 14, living near Evergreen, Appomattox County. His first deal was to swap an augur for a clock that would not run. He took the clock to pieces and was fascinated by the inner workings of a clock. Some parts were missing, so he could not get this first clock to run, but he did learn how clocks were put together and how they ran.

Soon thereafter, Mr. Sam Moore Wooldridge, father of Appomattox's George Wiley Wooldridge, gave young Wilkes his first real repair job. Mr. Wooldridge had a clock that would not run, and offered Wilkes 25 cents to make it run. Wilkes repaired the clock, collected the 25 cents. He promptly went to Martin's blacksmith shop and paid 15 cents for a pair of pliers, and then 10 cents for a punch.

Mr. Henry Cheatham had a 98 cent watch: a good one in those days. But the watch was broken, and Wilkes got the job of repairing it. He found that a spring was broken, but he had no replacement. But Wilkes was inventive, and he fashioned a wooden spring out of white oak wood from a chair bottom. It worked, and he proudly took the watch to Mr. Cheatham, and asked 30 cents for his work. Mr. Cheatham paid off with a small pig, which later turned out to be blind. Wilkes borrowed a saddlebag to carry the pig home, and by fall had the pig up to 200 pounds.

Mr. Wilkes has a splendid memory and recalls in detail many events of the 1890 period in and around Appomattox. He recounted to the Times-Virginian his first trip to Lynchburg, in 1889. The trip required two days on a tobacco wagon.

T. M. Trent now owns the place near Evergreen where young Wilkes lived as a boy and started his career in clock and watch repair. Soon he decided to make this his trade, and he went to Pamplin each Wednesday and to Appomattox each Saturday to take in jobs and do repair work. He put his earnings into tools and soon had a tool chest, which when loaded weighed 60 pounds. Many was the day when he walked into town, up the railroad track carrying that tool chest. He still has the chest.

He decided that Appomattox offered the better opportunity, and set up shop here in Mays barber shop, at the Atwood corner, on the spot where Robinson's Furniture store is now located. At that time Atwood's was a leading business place in town, along with Purdum and Caldwell at the old Alliance

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Appomattox Soldier Thought Gen. Grant Would Be Defeated

(Editor's note: We are indebted to Dr. D. A. Christian Jr., for the privilege of publishing the following letter, written by his father on May 9, 1864, from Mechansville to his parents. David A. Christian was the son of Dr. W. D. Christian and his wife Lucy Christian, who was a daughter of David Bailey Patteson. This letter is only one of the many treasured documents in the collection of Dr. Christian, and this paper and its readers are always appreciative of the opportunity to read this material. -Editor.)

Dear Parents:

I wrote home a few days ago while our Army was around Hanover Court Junction. We have since moved down here within 2 miles of Mechanicsville and 8 miles north of Richmond, Va. I do not know any thing about where we are going. We stopped here last night. Probably we may leave here this evening or we may stay here several days, I can not tell. Our Army came down parallel with the Yankees. I think this move of General Grant's is equivalent to an acknowledgement of defeat. He has certainly failed to carry out his first programme. He has now, I suppose adopted the plans of McClellan. He may think he can take Richmond like he did Vicksburg; but he will find quite a different man from Pembertan to interpose his progress.

To change the subject very much I saw Charles Wingfield day before yesterday. He is as usual complaining and when I saw him was hunting a hospital. He says Bob Wingfield is well. Brother George saw some of his old company yesterday. They were taken from Battery and put into active service in the fight near Drewry's Bluff. Two were killed, Nathan Wright and William Hardin, and three were wounded. Charles Phelps, and David Abbitt and another one I do not remember his name. David Abbitt was seriously wounded through the shoulder. I have not heard from Overton's company for over two weeks; at last account they had not left their battery, I think. Brother George mentioned in our letter about Jimmie Featherston's horse being shot from under him while he was following General Hill. Capt. Adams captured a little Yankee Negro a few days ago. He was waiting on a Yankee orderly sargent of the north and when they left our front, he was left asleep. He is a smart little fellow about 11 years old and from his account has been in the service for three years. Jessie has been sick, but has recovered. I (most of our Corps here have been sick) have had the Diarrhoea slightly. Jimmie Featherston expects to get a detail to come home and get a horse: he may possibly get it; I think it doubtful. I think that you all might write twice a week, while this campaign last, for a week seems to me as long as a month generally is. Write every opportunity. I will send this letter the first opportunity. Brother George is off duty as a courier. I have written all I could think of that would be at all interesting. Write as soon as you receive this short scroll.

Your Affectionate Son,
David A. Christian.